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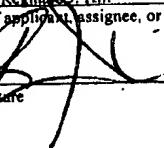
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002. Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0460 the extension fee of \$110. Please charge any overpayment or credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 10-0460.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §

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1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time if not submitted with the reply.

A response to the Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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